(*b*) whether the Government be pleased to take steps to repair the road?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) There was no issue of the daily *Deepam* on 7th November 1938.

(*b*) Yes. It will be attended to this year.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ: ദീപത്തിന്റെ എതെങ്കിലും പ്രതിയിൽ പൂണ്ടൽ സ്കൂൾ റോഡിനെപ്പറ്റി കാണുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice to go through the whole file of the paper.

PAYMENT OF WAGES ACT—FORMS UNDER.

338. Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that Form V under the Payment of Wages Act must be exhibited both in English and in Malayalam;

(*b*) are the Government supplying such forms;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to supply the said form in English and in Malayalam as early as possible?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Arrangements have been made to print and stock such forms in the Government Press for sale.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

WATER SUPPLY—AZHIKKAL AND ADJACENT PLACES.

339. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they propose to provide pure drinking water to the people of Azhikkal in the near future;

(*b*) are the Government aware of the acuteness of water scarcity in that locality;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to utilise one or two barges as a temporary measure to carry Alwaye water to this place as they were doing in the case of Mattancheri before?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It is not possible under existing conditions to supply Alwaye water to the place. Government have constituted a committee to investigate other sources of fresh water supply to the littoral tracts and to submit a report.

(*b*) Government are aware that there is scarcity of good drinking water in the locality.

(*c*) Government regret that it is not possible.

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Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Were these barges utilised for carrying water to anywhere else ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): When were they sold ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): They are sold already, but as to the actual date, I want notice.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): I would like to know when these barges were actually sold ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): About a month ago.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar (*Trippunittura*): Are Government aware that to a question put by the hon'ble members, in the last session Government answered that the barges were already sold ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Some barges were sold even before that, but the last batch was sold about a month ago.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Will the Government inform the House as to how far the work of the Committee has progressed ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): They have already held one sitting and they are going to inspect the different localities next Saturday.

Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin Christians-Ernakulam*): May I know whether the Committee was appointed to investigate into the sources of fresh supply to littoral tracts alone or of other parts as well.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): For the littoral tracts.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): What is the nature of the investigation going to be made by the Committee ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): To find out methods of supplying good drinking water by means of digging wells, etc.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the Committee was consulted before selling the barges last month ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): No.

Mr. President: Even if barges are available, Alwaye water will not be available for these areas. We are not complete masters of the Alwaye water.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*) : May I know whether the whole quantity of the water that is allotted for us now is being utilised completely ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Almost the whole.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*) : Why not the matter be referred to the Federal High Court ? (*Laughter*)

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*) ; May I know the amount that Government realised from the sale of these barges ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : Two barges and the Rama Varma Tug were last sold to the Harbour Authorities for Rs. 20,000.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Original price ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : About Rs. 60,000.

Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin Christians-Ernakulam*): What is the total amount realised by the selling of all the barges ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*) : About Rs. 30,000.

COMMISSION ON THE SALE OF ANCHAL STAMPS.

340. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the extent of annual savings expected from stopping the commission on the sale of anchal stamps by the Anchal Masters ;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to grant a slight enhancement in the salary of the Branch Anchal Masters?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) A savings of about Rs. 1,600 is expected.

(*b*) The Government do not consider it necessary at present.

ANCHAL OFFICE—PALAPPILLI—NECESSITY OF.

341. Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is any Anchal Office in Palappilli ;

(*b*) the area under plantation in Palappilli, and approximate number of persons working there ?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) None.

(*b*) 8190·10 acres. 1878 persons.

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